

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic device operating on the basis of a variable set value, comprising:

5 an operating section which inputs setting instruction information;

a reception section which receives the setting instruction information from an external apparatus; and

10 a setting section which determines a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from said operating section or said reception section and storing the set value,

15 wherein a set value which can be set by said setting section includes a set value to be set on the basis of setting instruction information which can be supplied from only the external apparatus.

2. The device according to claim 1, further comprising a display control section which represents that the set value set by said setting section is not a set value which
20 can be set in accordance with the setting instruction information supplied from said operating section.

3. The device according to claim 2, wherein
said device further comprises a display section which displays at least part of set value information
25 corresponding to the set value determined by said setting section, and

said display control section displays an index on said display section.

4. The device according to claim 1, further comprising a recorder which records an image on a recording medium in accordance with the set value set by said setting section.

5. The device according to claim 4, wherein the recording medium comprises a memory.

6. The device according to claim 4, wherein the recording medium comprises a film.

7. The device according to claim 1, wherein the device comprises a camera.

8. An electronic device operating on the basis of a variable set value, comprising:

an operating section which inputs setting instruction information;

a reception section which receives the setting instruction information from an external apparatus;

a setting section which determines a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from said operating section or said reception section and storing the set value;

a display section capable of displaying at least set value information corresponding to the set value set by said setting section on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from said operating section; and

a display control section which represents that the

set value information corresponding to the set value set by said setting section cannot be displayed on said display section.

9. The device according to claim 8, wherein said display
5 control section displays an index on said display section.

10. The device according to claim 8, further comprising a recorder which records an image on a recording medium in accordance with the set value set by said setting section.

11. The device according to claim 10, wherein the
10 recording medium comprises a memory.

12. The device according to claim 11, wherein the recording medium comprises a film.

13. The device according to claim 8, wherein the device comprises a camera.

14. An electronic device operating on the basis of a
15 variable set value, comprising:

an operating section which inputs setting instruction information;

a reception section which receives the setting
20 instruction information from an external apparatus;

a setting section which determines a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from said operating section or said reception section and storing the set value; and

25 a display control section which represents that the setting instruction information is supplied from the

external apparatus.

15. The device according to claim 14, further comprising
a display section for displaying at least part of set value
information corresponding to the set value determined by
5 said setting section.

16. The device according to claim 15, wherein said
display control section displays an index on said display
section.

17. The device according to claim 14, further comprising
10 a recorder which records an image on a recording medium in
accordance with the set value set by said setting section.

18. The device according to claim 17, wherein the
recording medium comprises a memory.

19. The device according to claim 17, wherein the
15 recording medium comprises a film.

20. The device according to claim 14, wherein the device
comprises a camera.

21. An electronic device operating on the basis of a
variable set value, comprising:

20 a mechanical operation indicating section which
receives setting instruction information in accordance
with a position of a movable portion and mechanically
indicates a set state related to the set information;

a reception section which receives setting
25 instruction information from an external apparatus; and
a setting section which determines a set value on the

basis of the setting instruction information supplied from said mechanical operation indicating section or said reception section and storing the set value,

wherein said setting section rejects a set request
5 related to the setting instruction information when the setting instruction information supplied from said reception section is setting instruction information for a set item which should be set by said mechanical operation indicating section.

10 22. The device according to claim 21, further comprising a notification section, when said setting section rejects the set request related to the setting instruction information supplied from the external apparatus, notifying the external apparatus of a set value which has
15 already been set for the set item related to the setting instruction information.

23. The device according to claim 21, wherein said mechanical operation indicating section comprises a dial switch capable of indicating the set state.

20 24. The device according to claim 21, wherein said mechanical operation indicating section comprises a slide switch capable of indicating the set state.

25 25. The device according to claim 21, further comprising a recorder which records an image on a recording medium in accordance with the set value set by said setting section.

26. The device according to claim 25, wherein the

recording medium comprises a memory.

27. The device according to claim 25, wherein the recording medium comprises a film.

28. The device according to claim 21, wherein the device
5 comprises a camera.

29. An electronic device operating on the basis of a variable set value, comprising:

an operating section which inputs setting instruction information;

10 a reception section which receives the setting instruction information from an external apparatus; and

a setting section, in a first mode, determining a set value in accordance with the setting instruction information supplied from said operating section and
15 storing the set value in a first table, and in a second mode, determining a set value in accordance with the setting instruction information supplied from said reception section and storing the set value in a second table.

30. The device according to claim 29, further comprising
20 a selection section which detects whether said reception section is connected to the external apparatus, continuously selecting the first mode when said reception section is not connected to the external apparatus, and continuously selecting the second mode when said reception
25 section is connected to the external apparatus.

31. The device according to claim 30, further comprising

a section which displays information representing the mode selected by said selection section.

32. The device according to claim 29, further comprising a recorder which records an image on a recording medium in accordance with the set value set by said setting section.

33. The device according to claim 32, wherein the recording medium comprises a memory.

34. The device according to claim 32, wherein the recording medium comprises a film.

35. The device according to claim 29, wherein the device comprises a camera.

36. An electronic device operating on the basis of a variable set value, comprising:

an operating section which inputs setting instruction information and operation instruction;
a reception section which receives setting instruction information and operation instruction from an external apparatus;

a determination section which determines a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from said operating section or said reception section;

a first table for storing the set value determined by said determination section on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from said operating section;

a second table for storing the set value determined by said determination section on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from said reception section; and

5 an execution section which executes predetermined operation in response to the operation instruction,

 wherein when the operation instruction is based on operation of said operating section, said execution section executes the predetermined operation in accordance with the
10 set value stored in said first table, and when the operation instruction is supplied from the external apparatus through said reception section, said execution section executes the predetermined operation in accordance with the set value stored in said second table.

15 37. The device according to claim 36, wherein said execution section comprises a recorder which records an image on a recording medium.

38. The device according to claim 37, wherein the recording medium comprises a memory.

20 39. The device according to claim 37, wherein the recording medium comprises a film.

40. The device according to claim 36, wherein the device comprises a camera.

41. A method of controlling an electronic device having
25 an operating section for inputting setting instruction information and a reception section for receiving setting

instruction information from an external apparatus,
comprising:

the setting step of determining a set value on the
basis of the setting instruction information supplied from
5 the operating section or the reception section and storing
the set value,

wherein a set value which can be set in the setting
step includes a set value to be set on the basis of setting
instruction information which can be supplied from only the
10 external apparatus.

42. A method of controlling an electronic device having
an operating section for inputting setting instruction
information, a reception section for receiving setting
instruction information from an external apparatus, and a
15 display section, comprising:

the setting step of determining a set value on the
basis of the setting instruction information supplied from
the operating section or the reception section and storing
the set value; and

20 the display step of displaying, on the display
section or another display section, an index representing
that set value information corresponding to the set value
set in the setting step cannot be displayed on the display
section.

25 43. A method of controlling an electronic device having
an operating section for inputting setting instruction

information and a reception section for receiving setting instruction information from an external apparatus, comprising:

the setting step of determining a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section or the reception section and storing the set value; and

the display step of displaying an index representing that the setting instruction information is supplied from the external apparatus.

44. A method of controlling an electronic device having a mechanical operation indicating section for receiving setting instruction information in accordance with a position of a movable portion and mechanically indicating a set state related to the set information, and a reception section for receiving setting instruction information from an external apparatus, comprising:

the setting step of determining a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the mechanical operation indicating section or the reception section and storing the set value,

wherein the setting step comprises rejecting a set request related to the setting instruction information when the setting instruction information supplied from the reception section is setting instruction information for a set item which should be set by the mechanical operation

indicating section.

45. A method of controlling an electronic device having an operating section for inputting setting instruction information and a reception section for receiving setting instruction information from an external apparatus, comprising:

the setting step of, in a first mode, determining a set value in accordance with the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section and storing the set value in a first table, and in a second mode, determining a set value in accordance with the setting instruction information supplied from the reception section and storing the set value in a second table.

46. A method of controlling an electronic device having an operating section for inputting setting instruction information and operation instruction, and a reception section for receiving setting instruction information and operation instruction from an external apparatus, comprising:

the determination step of determining a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section or the reception section;

the first storage step of storing, in a first table, the set value determined in the determination step on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section;

the second storage step of storing, in a second table, the set value determined in the determination step on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the reception section; and

5 the execution step of executing predetermined operation in response to the operation instruction,

 wherein the execution step comprises, when the operation instruction is based on operation of the operating section, executing the predetermined operation
10 in accordance with the set value stored in the first table, and when the operation instruction is supplied from the external apparatus through the reception section, executing the predetermined operation in accordance with the set value stored in the second table.

15 47. A storage medium which stores a control program for controlling an electronic device having an operating section for inputting setting instruction information and a reception section for receiving setting instruction information from an external apparatus, the control program
20 comprising:

 the setting step of determining a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section or the reception section and storing the set value,

25 wherein a set value which can be set in the setting step includes a set value to be set on the basis of setting

instruction information which can be supplied from only the external apparatus.

48. A storage medium which stores a control program for controlling an electronic device having an operating
5 section for inputting setting instruction information, a reception section for receiving setting instruction information from an external apparatus, and a display section, the control program comprising:

the setting step of determining a set value on the
10 basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section or the reception section and storing the set value; and

the display step of displaying, on the display
section or another display section, an index representing
15 that set value information corresponding to the set value set in the setting step cannot be displayed on the display section.

49. A storage medium which stores a control program for controlling an electronic device having an operating
20 section for inputting setting instruction information and a reception section for receiving setting instruction information from an external apparatus, the control program comprising:

the setting step of determining a set value on the
25 basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section or the reception section and storing

the set value; and

the display step of displaying an index representing that the setting instruction information is supplied from the external apparatus.

5 50. A storage medium which stores a control program for controlling an electronic device having a mechanical operation indicating section for receiving setting instruction information in accordance with a position of a movable portion and mechanically indicating a set state
10 related to the set information, and a reception section for receiving setting instruction information from an external apparatus, the control program comprising:

the setting step of determining a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from
15 the mechanical operation indicating section or the reception section and storing the set value,

wherein the setting step comprises rejecting a set request related to the setting instruction information when the setting instruction information supplied from the
20 reception section is setting instruction information for a set item which should be set by the mechanical operation indicating section.

51. A storage medium which stores a control program for controlling an electronic device having an operating
25 section for inputting setting instruction information and a reception section for receiving setting instruction

information from an external apparatus, the control program comprising:

the setting step of, in a first mode, determining a set value in accordance with the setting instruction
5 information supplied from the operating section and storing the set value in a first table, and in a second mode, determining a set value in accordance with the setting instruction information supplied from the reception section and storing the set value in a second table.

10 52. A storage medium which stores a control program for controlling an electronic device having an operating section for inputting setting instruction information and operation instruction, and a reception section for receiving setting instruction information and operation
15 instruction from an external apparatus, the control program comprising:

the determination step of determining a set value on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section or the reception section;

20 the first storage step of storing, in a first table, the set value determined in the determination step on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from the operating section;

the second storage step of storing, in a second table,
25 the set value determined in the determination step on the basis of the setting instruction information supplied from

the reception section; and

the execution step of executing predetermined operation in response to the operation instruction,

wherein the execution step comprises, when the
5 operation instruction is based on operation of the
operating section, executing the predetermined operation
in accordance with the set value stored in the first table,
and when the operation instruction is supplied from the
external apparatus through the reception section,
10 executing the predetermined operation in accordance with
the set value stored in the second table.